

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been entered and that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for favorable consideration.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment presented herein, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.


Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX I**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claim 7 has been amended as follows:**

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 [or 6], wherein the modifier comprises at least one anionic group.

**Claim 9 has been amended as follows:**

9. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the modifier comprises an aromatic group.

**Claim 10 has been amended as follows:**

10. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the modifier comprises an organic dye.

**Claim 11 has been amended as follows:**

11. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the diluent is polar.

**Claim 12 has been amended as follows:**

12. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes; polyacrylates; polymethacrylates; polyesters; polyethers; polyolefins; polystyrene; polyvinyl chloride; alkyds; nitrocellulose; epoxides; phenol resins; amino resins; silicones; polysiloxanes; organic-inorganic hybrid materials; and combinations thereof.

**Claim 13 has been amended as follows:**

13. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein [further] an initiator is dispersed into the diluent.

**Claim 14 has been amended as follows:**

14. (Amended) A composition for coating [obtainable according to any one of the preceding claims] prepared by the method of claim 1.

**Claim 16 has been canceled.**

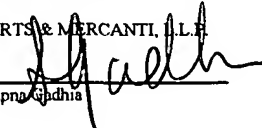
**Claim 17 has been amended as follows:**

17. (Amended) A coating formed upon curing of an applied composition according to claim 14 [or 15].

**New claim 19 has been added:**

19. (New) A coating comprising the composition of claim 15.

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